



3731  
200

DOCKET NO.: D0188.70162US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SANCOFF, Gregory E. et al  
Serial No.: 10/014991  
Confirmation No.: 4207  
Filed: December 11, 2001  
For: MEDICAL SUTURE INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE  
Examiner: Gary Jackson  
Art Unit: 3731

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to MAIL STOP Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the 4 day of April, 2005.

  
Rita LeBlanc

**MAIL STOP Amendment**  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action; and
- Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check is not enclosed. If a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

  
Walt Norfleet, Reg. No.: 52,078  
Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.  
600 Atlantic Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2206  
Telephone: (617) 646-8000

Docket No.: D0188.70162US01  
Date: April 4, 2005  
x04/03/05x



Docket No.: D0188.70162US01  
(PATENT)

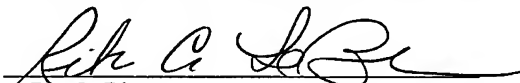
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gregory E. Sancioff et al.  
Serial No.: 10/014991  
Confirmation No.: 4207  
Filed: December 11, 2001  
For: MEDICAL SUTURE INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE  
Examiner: Jackson, Gary  
Art Unit: 3731

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the 4 day of April, 2005.

  
Rita LeBlanc

---

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005 in the above referenced patent application, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.